

HELP THE HOUSER FAMILY

If you would like to help the Wayne Houser family with some of their day to day needs, please check the bright yellow poster in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. There are Post-It notes with items that are needed by the family; some small, and some large. If you can help at any capacity, please take one (or more) of the notes, purchase the item(s) and return to the bin beneath the poster. Any questions, please call Denise at the church office at 952-955-1498.

ALSO

If you know of someone else who is in need of some help, please do not hesitate to call the church office or one of the share and care members, you have seen information in the bulletin about the Houser family and their needs, but please call if you know of anyone else that needs our help.

**Thanks,
The Share and Care Committee**

START DIGGING

The Sunday School will be having a Coin Drive during the month of December. The Money collected will go towards buying gift certificates for the Houser Family. The jar is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall next to the poster board for the Houser's. Start digging in the bottom of your purse, empty your heavy coin filled wallets or dig under the cushions of your couches to help the Houser Family.

NEWSLETTER FOR

December 23rd, 2007
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
"Extending Christ's Love To You"
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Sunday, December 23rd
8:00 Worship
9:15 SS / Youth / Bible Class
10:30 Worship/ Praise Band
Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve
5pm Christmas Eve w/ Com
7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Com
Tuesday, December 25th
9:00am Christmas Worship w/ Com
Wednesday, December 26th
NO SCHOOL
NO CONFIRMATION
NO WORSHIP
Thursday, December 27th
NO SCHOOL
Friday, December 28th
NO SCHOOL
Sunday, December 29th
8:00 Worship w/ Com
9:15 Bible Class/youth/SS
10:30 Worship w/ Com

ATTENDANCE FOR:

Wednesday, December 12th – 223 – Music Service
Sunday, December 16th
1st service – 118, Com – 104
2nd Service – 334 – Sunday School Service
B.C. - 38

NEW ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2008 are out on the table in the fellowship hall. Please pick them up today, but please **DO NOT** use them until 2008 because you may have a different # from 2007 and we will not record it correctly.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

The challenge we have set for ourselves to support the mission of bringing people into Christ's love:

Received this Week

Unified	School	Building
\$9,108.75	\$5,300.00	\$270.00
Needs per week	needs per week	needs per week
\$9,374.00	\$1073.00	\$793.00
Received to date:	Received to date:	Received to date:
\$405,418.35	\$54,460.00	\$29,338.72
Below needs: (YTD)	Below needs: (YTD)	below needs :(YTD)
(\$63,281.65)	\$810.00	(\$-10,311.28)

WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA

High school youth is going on a winter extravaganza in Henning, MN to have a fun weekend of fun and fellowship. The weekend is January 11th – 13th. This year's theme is Heroes in the Word. This is an appropriate topic for our teens as we explore our parents as heroes. They will be tubing, broomball, devotions, water Park, movie and much more. The price is \$55.00 per person. We will be leaving Friday, January 11th right after school. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TODAY.**

UNIQUE WEEKEND

Communication is to a marriage what breathing is to the body. Without breath we die, without communication a marriage dies. This is a series of presentations given by clergy and lay couples in a conference room setting, private and focused time with your spouse, helpful no matter how long you have been married. Restore communication, rekindle romance, and renew commitment. Come spend a weekend with Lutheran Marriage Encounter on February 22 – 24 at Brooklyn Center, MN. For more info or to register call Church and Nancy Roberts 651-464-1858, Peter and Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575, or Dale and Carol Ure at 1-800-235-1010.

December 23 rd	Deborah Lynch
December 24 th	Nicholas Rasmussen
	Mike Schneerman
	Sara Jueden
December 25 th	James Bart
December 26 th	Willard Schuette
	Cassandra Wilkening
	Dalton Morrow
	Zachary Stender
	Ashley Stender
December 27 th	Danielle Lobitz
	Logan Bury
December 28 th	Becky Grossinger
	Rachel Eide
December 29 th	Michael Larson
	Justin Farber
	Andrew Sandquist
	Jacob Wandersee
	Todd Neumann

Monday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service w/ Com – 5:00pm
Monday, December 24th – Candle light Christmas Service w/ Com – 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 25th – Christmas Service w/ Com – 9:00am
Wednesday, December 26th – No Wednesday Worship
Monday, December 31st, New Years Eve Service – 5:00pm

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

G.R.A.C.E. would like to thank everyone for their support last Saturday at the Applebee's breakfast. It was a big success.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2007

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President Brian Hilk. Other members present, Scott Bohler, Steve Steinborn, Paul Greenhagen, Susan Hoese, Jennifer Fisher, Paul Bennyhoff, Pastor Krentz, & Cindy Lynch. Pastor led us in opening prayer.

Minutes from the November council meeting amended regarding the Praise Band; they should read; beginning in January the Praise Band will play the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT: \$5.49 received. \$2.00 to be sent to the Seminary fund.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT: Total Income \$29,839.50; Total Expenses \$36,027.83; Balance on Hand \$2656.91. We have paid LHS 2 of the 12 months owed to them.

TELLER'S REPORT: Totals for November; Unified \$30,328.66; Building \$2470; School \$9470 Year to date totals: Unified \$380,577.69; Building \$27,878.72; School \$27,110.

PASTORS REPORT: Reminder January 6th will be clean up day after Christmas. Visited with the Elders regarding the budget, Pastor recommended a revised budget that would amount to \$2500 of his raise would be split between the Praise Band members for 2008 stipends. They will eventually be transitioning to playing each Sunday. Adult instruction class starting in January, the best day is Thursday's. He plans to alternate missing between the Board of Directors and Council Meetings.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Helped with the decorating of the Church. Roy's electric worked on the parking lot lights. Darwin is also providing portable lighting for the back lot at school for the Advent service on the 19th. Gail Schuette will be bringing a lift in to change some light bulbs.

CCLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: January will be election of officers. They will not sponsor the corn maze for 2008. Work force reduction policy, they made some changes. They will be looking at the budget in January. Tuition is set for 2008-2009. Foundation is in place, they have collected approximately \$10,000 so far. Tabled the revision of the Constitution and By-laws. Mortgage increase of ¼%. The foundation is looking into refinancing the loan.

PARISH BOARD OF ED REPORT: Getting ready for the Christmas program this Sunday at 10:30 service.

PARISH PLANNING AND FINANCE: Results of Stewardship program, 69 commitment cards were tuned in with a total of \$175,780 committed toward the 2008 budget. Ordered and received materials for 2008 stewardship program. Contributions to the Mortgage Debt Reduction for November were \$2470.

NEW BUSINESS: Officer Installation and rededication will be January 6th at both services.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15, we closed with prayer.
Respectfully submitted: Cindy Lynch

NIGHT OF JAZZ

Mayer Lutheran High School presents the 8th Annual "Night of Jazz," on January 5, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The featured band this year is "Inspirado." The evening will also feature music by the Trinity Lutheran School (Waconia) and MLHS Jazz Bands. Tickets are \$20 Adults and \$10 for students. Proceeds go toward the Jacob P. Zimmer Endowment for the Fine Arts to assist fine arts programs at MLHS.

Tickets can be purchased from band and choir members or from the high school office. Please call 952.657.2251 with any questions. Thank you for supporting fine arts at Mayer Lutheran High School.